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SUBJECT: AUGUST 15 GESTURES TOWARD NORTH BY ROK

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1. BOTH ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND VERNACULAR PAPERS OF AUGUST 16 REPORTED PSYWAR ACTIVITIES AIMED AT COMMUNISTS HAD BEEN SUSPENDED FOR 24 HOURS AUGUST 15, AND SAID SOUTH KOREAN ENVOYS HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO INVITE NORTH KOREAN COUNTERPARTS TO DINNER OR RECEPTION ON 33RD ANNIVERSARY OF LIBERATION FROM JAPANESE. ALTHOUGH NOT OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED PREVIOUS TO 15TH, BROADCASTS, WHICH CONSISTED PRIMARILY OF PRE-WWII SONGS, HAD BEEN BILLED AS "SPECIAL PROGRAMS" FOR THREE DAYS PRIOR TO THAT DATE.

2. ON INVITATIONS TO NORTH KOREAN REPRESENTATIVES IN 38 COUNTRIES WHERE NORTH AND SOUTH BOTH HAVE MISSIONS, ROK SOURCES QUOTED AS SAYING THAT GOVERNMENT WANTED TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF ONLY HOLIDAY SHARED BY BOTH KOREAS. WHILE NOT OPTIMISTIC ANY NORTH KOREAN ENVOYS WOULD ACCEPT INVITATIONS, AND ADMITTING SOME REJECTIONS HAD ALREADY BEEN RECEIVED, PRESS QUOTED ROKG SOURCES AS SAYING BOTH SUSPENSION OF PROPAGANDA AND INVITATIONS IN LINE WITH ROK STANDING POLICY OF RAPPOACHEMENT WITH NORTH.

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3. COMMENT: GESTURE CONSISTENT WITH NON-INFLAMMATORY, BUSINESSLIKE TONE ADOPTED BY PRESIDENT PAK IN REFERENCES TO NORTH IN AUGUST 15 SPEECH (REFTEL).
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